

**Whereas**, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Harold Sylvester Knipp lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Carmelita Louise Wolf, during a solemn ceremony on February 20, 1954, at St. Andrew Church in Tipton, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Harold and Carmelita Knipp have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children, Delores Knipp, Rosella Schad, Sylvia Scheidt, Ronald Knipp (deceased), Juanita Thompson, Thelma Scherping, Vincent Knipp, and Sharon Prenger; and twenty-two grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Harold Knipp has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes toiling as a farmer for sixty years, being a Korean War veteran, receiving the FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer Award, and supporting the MFA Co-op Board at Tipton, the Tipton Rural Fire Truck Board, St. Andrew School Board, and the Moniteau County Chapter of the National Farmers Organization; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Carmelita Knipp has further distinguished herself by owning the Tipton branch of H&R Block for twenty-two years, serving as Treasurer of Tipton Senior Housing and the Moniteau County Chapter of the National Farmers Organization, and receiving a Future Homemakers Certificate of Appreciation and the Circle of Excellence Award from H&R Block; and

**Whereas**, during their half century together, Harold and Carmelita Knipp have also enjoyed recognition as members of the Missouri Century Farm Club and as the recipients of the Area Soil Conservation Award and the Moniteau County Farm Family of the Year Award; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Knipp of Tipton will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on April 24, 2004, at St. Andrew Church and the Knights of Columbus Hall:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Harold and Carmelita Knipp and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sylvester Knipp.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Roy W. Holand  
District No. 135

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Representative Larry Crawford  
District No. 117

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1788, adopted April 19, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker